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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Western Hemisphere Division

SUBJECT : Project [REDACTED]

1. The attached [REDACTED] Project provides for financial support to two Chilean Political parties - the Democratic Radical Party (PDR) and the Radical Party of the Left (PIR) - which, in the past, formed part of the democratic opposition of the Popular Unity (UP) coalition of the late President Allende. Despite the electoral losses suffered by these two parties in the congressional elections of last March, the project (and accompanying 40 Committee documentation) make an excellent case for our continued support of these parties.

2. Recommendation for approval of the attached project amendment would have been made even before the death of President Allende. In the light of the events of the last couple of days, there will be an equally important need to support these parties which may well provide a political home for the traditional radical voters including members of the Radical Party (PR) as well as other elements of the Popular Unity coalition.

3. In view of the coup of 11 September and the death of Allende, this project amendment (and others which deal with

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Chile) will undoubtedly have to be changed or modified, both as to direction and funding levels. To meet submission deadlines, however, I recommend we send the attached project forward with a cover sheet comment to the effect that we will follow up with appropriate modifications or amendments as soon as the situation in Chile clarifies.

/s/
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